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1. MONSOON ACTIVITY, WHICH HAD REMAINED SLUGGISH DURING THE
FIRST HALF OF JUNE 1977, PICKED UP IN THE LATER HALF AND ES-
TABLISHED ITSELF OVER THE ENTIRE COUNTRY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
JAMMU AND KASHMIR AND EASTERN RAJASTHAN - AREAS INTO WHICH IT IS
LIKELY TO ADVANCE WITH THE NEXT THREE TO FOUR DAYS.

2. DURING THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 29, 1977 AREAS RECEIVING NORMAL
OR ABOVE RAINFALL WERE: NAGALAND, MANIPUR, MIZORAM AND TRIPURA,
SOUTHERN PARTS OF WEST BENGAL, ORISSA, BIHAR, HILLS OF WEST
UTTAR PRADESH, HARYANA, PUNJAB, HIMACHAL PRADESH, JAMMU
AND KASHMIR,; RAJASTHAN, MADHYA PRADESH, GUJARAT, MAHARASHTRA
(EXCLUDING COASTAL AREAS) AND LAKSHADWEEP. RAINFALL OVER THE
REST OF THE COUNTRY WAS DEFICIENT TO SCANTY FROM 28 PERCENT IN
COASTAL MAHARASHTRA TO 86 PERCENT IN SOUTHEAST ANDHRA PRADESH
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3. CUMULATIVE RAINFALL FROM JUNE 1-29, 1977 WAS NORMAL OR
ABOVE NORMAL IN ASSAM, NAGALAND, MANIPUR, MIZORAM AND TRIPURA,

SOUTHERN PARTS OF WEST BENGAL AND BIHAR, ORISSA, HILLS OF WEST
UTTAR PRADESH, HARYANA, PUNJAB, HIMACHAL PRADESH, JAMMU

AND KASHMIR, RAJASTHAN, MADHYA PRADESH, GUJARAT, MAHARASHTRA
ANDHRA PRADESH (EXCEPTING NORTHWESTERN AREAS), TAMIL NADU,
KARNATAKA AND LAKSHADWEEP. RAINFALL OVER BALANCE OF THE COUNTRY
WAS BELOW NORMAL RANGING FROM 20 PERCENT IN KERALA AND NORTHWEST
ANDHRA PRADESH TO 70 PERCENT IN EAST UTTAR PRADESH.

4. THE WEATHER ZONES WHICH RECEIVED NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL RAINFALL
ACCOUNTED FOR APPROXIMATELY 79 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL KHARIF CEREAL
PRODUCTION USING AS A BASE THE DISTRIBUTION OF KHARIF PRODUCTION
DURING 1970-71. THIS COMPARES WITH 47 PERCENT DURING THE CORRESPONDING
PONDING PERIOD OF 1976 AND WILL PROVE BENEFICIAL FOR THE SOWING OF
KHARIF (FALL AND WINTER HARVESTED) CROPS. SUSTAINED PERFORMANCE
-3 DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON (JUNE-SEPTEMBER) WILL BE
REQUIRED BEFORE A FAVORABLE START TRANSLATES INTO INCREASED
FOODGRAIN PRODUCTION DURING 1977-78. GOHEEN

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